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A Christian Epistle TO FRIENDS.

In General,

Of weighty Concern, for their present and future Peace and Safety from the Soul's Adversary's subtil Devices and Snares of Death.

To be carefully Communicated to the Children of Light, and Professors thereof every where.

Being Faithfully given forth, and Recommended from the Spirit of Christ; By his Servant

George Whitehead.

Matth. 26. 41. *Watch and Pray* ——— *Praying always* ———
Ephes. 6. 18. *With all Prayer and Supplication in the Spirit* ——— *And watching thereunto with all Perseverance.*

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A Christian EPISTLE to Friends in General, &c.

Dear and Tenderly Beloved Friends, and Called of God every where;

IN a real and deep sence of my Heavenly Fathers Love and tender Mercy revealed through his most dear Son, our ever blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, which I am (with many more) livingly made a partaker of, doth my Life and Spirit very dearly and tenderly salute you, as truly and most heartily wishing and praying, that divine Grace, Mercy and Peace, with all Spiritual Blessings and Divine Favours in Christ Jesus, may be encreased and multiplyed among you, and unto you, to your great Consolation, Peace and Prosperity in the Love of God.

Dear Friends, I finding for some time of late a living and holy constraint and pressure of Spirit to communicate some things of weight and concern unto you, respecting your Safety, Peace and Prosperity in the blessed unchangeable Truth, am opened and encouraged by the precious Life and Spirit of our God, to be clear and free therein towards you all, and that in discharge of my tender Conscience in the sight and presence of the God of my Life, whom I serve with my Spirit in the Gospel of his dear Son, as I have sincerely done from my Youth upward, blessed be his pure Name forever. And having had these many Years experience in the weighty Service of the Lord our God through manifold Exercises, Burthens, Spiritual Travels and Oppositions, I may not hide my Talent, nor conceal those things my Lord and Master requires me to divulge for the Safety and Good of his People in their several Conditions, States and Attainments, as having long and truly seen the goodness of the Lord in the Land of the Living, and the good and blessed Estate of his chosen and faithful Ones; for which I praise the Name of the

Lord my Redeemer, in whom I have believed through his divine Goodneſs, never to be forgotten by any of us; as alſo being not ignorant of, or unaquainted with the many Wiles, various Workings and Depths of Satan, the great Adverſary of mans Felicity, and of the Peace of God's People, who worketh upon the divers Inclinations, mutable Affections, Wills, Weakneſſes and Infirmities of the Sons of Men, to deceive, pervert, deprave and corrupt them, that they may the more eaſily be led captive by him at his Will, in their following their own unſubjected Wills and Spirits. You therefore (*my dear Friends*) who have livingly felt, and taſted of the Lord's Power and Goodneſs, and known his Work in your Hearts, in order to your Deliverance and Redemption out of the Evil World, and the Corruptions thereof, prize his tender Mercies and Goodneſs, and forget them not: Let the holy fear of the Lord God be your Treaſure and true Wiſdom, and Underſtanding, the Stability of your times in Righteouſneſs: Let your ſincere Love to the pure Name and Truth of the Lord, and one unto another be continued in that unchangeable Truth and Power of an Endleſs Life, whereunto the Lord hath called us; and I pray God increaſe your Love and Zeal for his Glorious Name and Chriſtian Tenderneſs, and Brotherly Affection one towards another, that Life for evermore may be your Bleſſing and Portion, as it will be to all them who dwell in Amity, true Love, and Unity of Spirit in our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, which is a moſt joyful, comfortable and bleſſed ſtate, which too many Profeſſors of Truth are ſhort of, for want of keeping near to the Lord, in his holy fear & Love of his bleſſed Name and Truth, whoſe negligence and unfaithfulneſs to Truth in themſelves hath cauſed a decay of Love, & want of Charity towards others; and then inſtead of humbly waiting and depending upon the Lord, ſome have exalted themſelves in a Self-will, Self-conceit, & Affection to preheminence in judgment over others, until thereby Diviſions and Self-ſeparations have been cauſed and ſtirred up by them, to the great grief of the Spirits of the upright, who have kept their Integrity to the Lord, his Truth and People. And this Self-Exaltation, ſlighting and contemning others, have been, and are the great Evils, Snares and Engines wherewith the Adverſary catches them that never were throughly

throughly ſubjected into true Humility, Mortification, true Self-denial, or dying with Chriſt; ſuch, though under Profeſſion of Truth, may make a great ſhew and flouriſh for a time in outward appearance, Leaves and Bloſſoms, yet they bring not forth Fruit unto perfection, or ripeneſs in Chriſt. Therefore beware of Self-exaltation, beware of an Earthly Spirit entring, beware of Covetouſneſs, which is Idolatry: Let not the Earth interpoſe betwixt any of your Souls, and the brightneſs of that divine Glory which has appeared even in our Day and Times.

Spiritual Gifts may be loſt, or fallen ſhort of, if the Fountain of them, the holy Spirit of Life it ſelf, be not diligently minded & followed; and where Love towards God and his Truth decays in any, their love towards his Servants and People grows cold, and then their Gifts decreaſe and dye, as the Life of them is withdrawn or departed from, or that Love loſt which is the more excellent way; for *If I want Charity* (or Love) *I am nothing*. What Gifts, Openings, Diſcoveries, Viſions, Revelations, Wiſdom, Knowledge or Underſtanding ſoever any have, yet ſtill 'tis the heavenly Root muſt bear them, they muſt keep low their Minds and Spirits to that from whence Life and Love ſprings, or elſe they fall, wither, dye and become empty, uncharitable and hard-hearted; and there the Enemy has his Evil Ends upon them, in betraying them, and corrupting their minds from the Truth, from Life, from Love, from the Innocency and Simplicity which is in Chriſt, the Way, the Truth and the Life; and there's a danger in being too early and forward to cenſure and judge others, and in judging, cenſuring and undervaluing others Gifts, Miniſtry and Labours whom God hath called into his Work and Service; for ſome thereby may either loſe their own Gifts, Life and Strength, or fall ſhort of thoſe heavenly Gifts, which otherwiſe they might attain to, if they kept low and tender in Humility, Love & Society with their Brethren, whereby they might alſo be ſerviceable with them: For I have ſeen in my time ſome who never paſſed through Judgment in themſelves, yet very cenſorious, judging, detracting and whiſpering againſt their Brethren, ſlighting them, their Miniſtry and Labours, who themſelves have greatly loſt by it; and God in diſpleaſure hath ſuffered them to diſcover their own weakneſs

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and nakedneſs, for their own abaſement under the righteous Judgment of Truth. And 'tis evident from this kind of exalted cenſorious, whiſpering and envious Spirit (which worketh not for *Love* and *Union*) have proceeded the ſeveral *Diviſions*, *Schiſms* and *Separations* which have happened, to the great trouble of the Church of Chriſt in our days, as in the *Primitive Chriſtians* days. And the ſeveral ſorts of *Apoſtates* & *Backſliders* from Truth ſhew what, and what kind and manner of Spirit they went and go out in by their Works and Fruits, whether in a Spirit of *Pride* and *Ambition*, in a Spirit of *Envy* and *Hypocriſie*, in a *ſcornful contemning* Spirit, in a *covetous earthly* Spirit, in a *looſe prophane* Spirit, or in a *drunken debauched* Spirit of *Ranteriſm* and *fleſhly Liberty*, which come all from one evil Root and Seed, according to the various corrupt Inclinations and Wills of Men, upon which the Enemy works and appears with Baits and Temptations ſuitable thereunto, that he may prevail the more. And 'tis certain, that the envious Apoſtates, and wilful Adverſaries were the moſt troubleſome to the *Primitive* Churches of Chriſt and his holy Apoſtles in their day, and ſo in ours. Therefore bleſſed and truly happy are they that keep their Habitations in the Truth and love of God, and live in *Chriſtian Love* and *Charity* one towards another; for ſuch walk in the Light, where there's no occaſion of ſtumbling, or ſcandal. And as 'twas Evidence unto the *Primitive Chriſtians*, that they were paſſed from Death to Life, becauſe they loved the Brethren, and that they had purified their Souls through their Obedience of the holy Spirit unto unfeigned Love of the Brethren. Even ſo now the ſame Evidence & Teſtimony remains and lives in and for all them that dwell in the Love of God one towards another: For all *Envy*, *Prejudice*, *Back-bitings*, *Whiſperings*, *Tale-carrying*, *Lying*, *Heats*, *Paſſions*, *Provocations*, *Reviling*, *Railing*, *Clamours*, *Scorn*, *Contempt*, *ill Language*, *Flattery* and *Hypocriſie*, are to be utterly put away, avoided, judged, condemned, and forever excluded the Camp of God, for they proceed from the falſe and degenerate Birth, evil Seed and Spirit, and not from the true Seed or Birth which is Innocent, and hurts no body by Word or Action, in Perſon, Name, Reputation or Property, for that's tender in all theſe things: For *falſe Reports*, *Whiſperings*, *Back-bitings* and *Tale carrying* cauſe Strife

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and Diviſion, and are condemned by the Law of God and Light of Chriſt, and expreſly forbidden by God himſelf, *Thou ſhalt not be as one that carries Tales up and down among my People: Thou ſhalt not receive a falſe Tale, nor raiſe a falſe Report againſt the Lord's People, nor do his Prophets or Servants any harm.* And all who profeſs the Truth, or make mention of the Name of the Lord among us, ought to watch over their own Spirits, Wills and Paſſions, and have a care of hurting one another, or cruſhing any tender Spirit or Plant, or ſtopping or quenching any Spiritual Gift or Teſtimony God has given, how little or low ſoever it may be, or ſeem; for ſome of a tender Spirit are ſooner hurt and wounded, than healed. All keep in Chriſtian Humility, Meekneſs, Patience, Gentleneſs, and Tender heartedneſs one towards another. And *Elders* and *Overſeers* in the Churches of Chriſt muſt be Examples of Believers, both in Humility, Meekneſs, Patience and Condeſcention, as *Chriſtian* Patterns; and not ſelf-willed, nor ſoon angry, nor given to Paſſion, Striving, Heats or Contention: Such *Chriſtian* Examples and Behaviour in the Houſe and Church of the living God, tends greatly to keep out and prevent Contentions, and contentious Spirits, and to the comfort and encouragement of the upright-hearted, who are willing to ſerve the Lord, his Truth and people.

My *dear Friends*, the Lord our God has been good to us, a tender Father through all our Tryals, Sufferings and Exerciſes, in upholding us by his free Spirit, accompanying us with his preſence, comforting us in our Afflictions, with his renewed Mercies and multiplied Favours, in preſerving us a living people to his praiſe until this day, and affording us this preſent *Liberty* we have of late enjoyed, and do pertake of the benefit and advantage thereof, in our publick, peaceable and Religious Aſſemblies, for the Exaltation of the glorious Name, holy Truth, and divine Power of the Lord our God. Wherefore we have great cauſe to prize his tender Mercies and Goodneſs to us, and walk humbly under the ſence thereof, that a right uſe and improvement may be made of all the Mercies and Priviledges we do enjoy, and ſuch a good uſe of the preſent *Liberty*, as that none grow careleſs or negligent, indifferent or luke-warm

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becauſe thereof, nor any to ſit down at eaſe in the Fleſh, or in the Earth, and therein promiſe themſelves ſecurity from further Sufferings or Tryals, becauſe of the late preſent enjoyment of liberty and eaſe from Perſecution: This is no good uſe of the preſent Mercy, nor ſafe Concluſion, for God has many ways to try his people, and National Calamities and Diſtreſſes (whereof his own people ſometimes partake) are not at an end, nor the Judgments (incurred by Iniquity) turned away, becauſe of the continued Provocations, Wickedneſs, Rebellions againſt God, their Abominations, Pride, Hypocriſies, Deceits, Falſhood and Preſumption abounding in this and other profeſſing Nations againſt the great and righteous God, the Judge of all, who is ſo long ſparing and forbearing, as he is to this Nation, meerly for his ſmall Remnant and Seed's ſake, which is already gathered, and to be gathered.

Yet the great God will *diſtreſs Nations*, and cauſe the Earth to tremble before him, and *Overturnings* and *Deſolations* in the Earth before *Calamities* are ended, or Chriſt's peaceable Kingdom be ſet up more generally in the Earth, or where as yet it is oppoſed and reſiſted: For the cauſe why *Wars*, *Deſolations*, and the *devouring Sword* are already in *great Judgment* entred ſo many Nations and Countries, is becauſe of the Crying Sins, Great Provocations, Perſecutions and Cruelties in the dark Places of the Earth.

And *dear Friends*, *Brethren* and *Siſters*, whom I truly love in the Lord, who retain your Integrity and Love in the bleſſed unchangable Truth, you cannot be unſenſible how that the Lord's Harveſt is great, and what need of faithful Labourers there now is, an effectual Door being open in this time of Liberty, the Lord in Mercy has granted for the good of many poor Souls, that they may come and receive the Truth in the love of it; and that they who have been, or are of a fearful Heart, may receive ſtrength, and know the Lord to be their Saviour and Redeemer, in this his Evangelical Day, and free and bleſſed opportunity he has afforded. And yet though this Harveſt be great, the diligent and faithful Labourers are but few now raiſed up, in Compariſon of the greatneſs of the Harveſt, and neceſſity of the Work, many of our antient Brethren, and faithful

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fellow-Labourers and Helpers in Christ, being taken away, and gone to their Everlasting Rest, having faithfully served out their Day and Generation, fulfilled and finish'd their Testimony with Joy and Peace, and obtain'd a Crown of Glory that shall never fade away.

And this very matter has been often seriously upon my Thoughts, and weighty Considerations, What should be the Cause or Reason why so few faithful Labourers, and clear Gospel Ministers have been of late raised up, or now brought forth? (though some be in a good lively Testimony, blessed be the Lord) and it clearly appears to me; *First*, That few are given up in their Spirits for this weighty Service, (as we were in the beginning) who are in some measure gifted and qualified.

Secondly, Few sincerely seek the Lord, or have waited upon him with fervent Desires, Prayer and Supplication, that they may be gifted, indued and qualified with *Power*, *Wisdom*, *Faith*, *Patience*, &c. for the Work of the Ministry of Christ Jesus; whereas if any man want Wisdom, he should ask it of God, and he shall not miss of a gracious answer to the desire of his Soul, who sincerely asks, seeks and knocks at Wisdom's Gate. *Whatsoever ye ask in my Name* (saith Christ) *believe that ye shall receive it, and it shall be given you.* You know *Soloman's* Request to the Lord, for an understanding Heart, to discern Judgment, his choice of Wisdom rather than Riches, or long Life, how it pleased God, 1 *King.* 3. 10.

Thirdly, Very few have their Minds and Spirits really and inwardly exercised in frequent Prayer, and daily Supplication to God, or in heavenly Meditation, or spiritual Contemplation in Gods pure and spiritual Laws, Ways, Jugdments and Works, or in holy Scriptures, by the holy Spirit, which opens them, but too many have their Minds, Hearts and Affections taken up with these fading Objects and Things below, minding earthly things, or overcharged with the love of Riches, Cares and Cumbers of this Life to compass the Earth, wherein many a good Tallent has been hid, and poor Soul buried in Captivity: Whereas it requires an inward and serious Exercise of Spirit toward God, frequent and fervent Prayer and Supplication unto him, an in-

ward and diligent attention upon him, who is the giver of every good and perfect Gift, to obtain both divine Wisdom, and a weighty living clear Evangelical Ministry. For 'tis the sanctified Hearts and Souls who truly fear God, into whom only Wisdom entreth, and maketh them Friends of God, and Prophets. The Lord will have an inward spiritual, sincere & zealous People. Oh! Inward watchfulness, Prayer and Supplication to Almighty God have been, and are too much neglected by many; I pray God they may seriously examine, and find out the causes in themselves with the Light of Christ Jesus, and bring all to the righteous judgment thereof.

Fourthly, If any of the younger sort, who are in some measure indued with spiritual Gifts and Knowledge, do let up a slight and disesteem in their Minds of their elder Brethren, who are experienced in the Work and Service of God, and keep not in Society or Union with them in the Spirit of Love, and of a sound Mind, but give way unto a singularity, abounding in their own sence, not keeping low and humble before the Lord, nor little in their own Eyes; such neither grow in Life, nor in divine Openings, nor increase in their Gifts, nor come to attain to a weighty clear Evangelical Ministry and Service, but rather loose, dye and wither, unless they come into true Humility, Self-denyal, Reconciliation, Love and Union with their elder faithful Brethren, who in the love of God would tenderly help them, and not hinder them in the Work and Service of the Lord our God.

It is both a great Grief and Scandal also to see many of the younger sort, who frequent our Meetings, and even of Friends Children also, degenerating into *Pride*, and *height of Spirit*, and *Apparel*, so nearly to immitate and border upon the World, as too to many do, contrary to the *Gravity*, *Modesty*, *Sobriety*, *Plainness*, *Simplicity*, *Innocency* and *Humility*, which Truth requires in Example, as well as in Spirit, and which Truth at first led many into, and as still it doth lead and order them that truly love and obey it: In which I pray God to settle and order his People, and that no plea nor excuse may be made to maintain Pride, Vanity or Immodesty in Apparel, which only gratifies vain airy Minds and Spirits, and the Lust of the carnal Eye,

Eye, and grieves the tender, and gives occaſion of Reproach and Stumbling to them that are without, and to ſuch as are ſoberly & Religiouſly inclined. Oh! 'tis precious to keep low and humble before the Lord, and to walk as living Examples of Chriſtian Humility; *a lowly Mind is content with low things, and loves plainneſs.* And this is obſervable, that if never ſo much be truly and ſincerely preached in publick againſt *Pride* and *Vanity* in Apparel, *&c.* if it be indulged or conived at at home in Children or young Perſons, by *Parents*, *Guardians*, or *Overſeers*, all Preaching, Inſtruction and Warning proves to them but as Water ſpilt upon the Ground, and takes no Impreſſion, whilſt through ſuch Encouragement & Indulgence at home, they imbrace a Spirit of *Pride* & *Irreverence* towards God, & diſregard to his Truth and People; and though ſome Formality, and ſomething of the form of Truth they may have by outward Education, 'tis not by the Work of Regeneration, for 'tis but few in compariſon that really come in at *That* Door; and therefore I have had often a Godly Fear upon me of the ſpringing up of degenerate Plants amongſt us, and a degenerate Generation to the diſhonour of Truth, and our holy Profeſſion after our days. And it's they who are inclining and getting into the Spirit of the World, and Liberty out of the Truth, who live not in Humility, nor in the Fear of God, that give ſecret ſtrength to an apoſtate turbulent Spirit, which has been the Churches Exerciſe of late Years, and that are moſt eaſily catched with that Apoſtate Spirit, and feigned Words of the Inſtruments thereof, whoſe Work is to ſow Diſcord, and make Diviſions, Schiſms and Separations (which are Fruits of the Fleſh) for if all had been faithful to the Light, and kept in Humility and Love of Truth, and one another, there had been no Enmity one towards another, nor *ſmiteing* of fellow-Servants, but the Fear of God would have preſerved them out of thoſe Snares of Death, which that Spirit of Diſcord leads into. Howbeit, I am well ſatisfied in the Lord, that he will never ſuffer a general or final Apoſtacy or Degeneration; the Brightneſs of our Day, and Glory of our Sun of Righteouſneſs ſhall never be extinguiſhed: Although too many through the Adverſary's Subtilty and Temptations, together with their

own carnal and corrupt Inclinations, are apt to degenerate, and their Minds to be exalted and alienated from the Fear of God, from the Croſs of Chriſt, from Humility and Lowlineſs of Mind, from true and Conſcientious Tenderneſs, from love to the Brethren, from Innocency, Plainneſs and Simplicity that's in Chriſt, both in their Spirits, Language and Habits, who therefore ought to be faithfully admoniſhed, and tenderly inſtructed, by which means (together with a meek and gentle Behaviour) many have been gained, and many may yet be recovered out of the Snares of Satan, who have been taken Captive at unawares; *Having Compaſſion of ſome, making a Difference*, has often reached the tender part in them; and in relation to others more deeply prejudiced. I remember a cautious ſaying of an antient and faithful Brother deceaſed, viz. *Where we cannot make them better, we muſt take heed we do not make them worſe.* The Lord keep his People in his holy Fear, watchful and humble before him, in true Love and tender Heartedneſs, that they may receive Wiſdom from him to behave themſelves, and to miniſter ſuitably to all conditions.

And all dear and tenderly beloved *Friends*, with all who are effectually convinced of God's holy Truth and Name, and do profeſs the ſame: In the holy fear of God, in his Light Watch and Pray conſtantly (without fainting) againſt your Souls ſubtil Adverſary in all his Attempts to beget into Self-exaltation and Prejudice to ſmite fellow-Servants, and cauſe Diviſions or Offences; for that's the Enemy's Work.

And *Friends*, have not the Faith of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt with reſpect of Perſons: This was antient, and *Chriſtian* Counſel. So let not the Rich and High contemn the Low and Mean; let not uncertain Riches puff any up, or exalt them above their Brethren: Nor any Brother of High degree (in earthly Enjoyments) ſlight or contemn their Brethren of low degree, ſome ſincere-hearted and ſerviceable Friends and Brethren have enjoyed plenty of the World's Goods, and yet through Loſſes, Sufferings, Diſappointments, or other's unjuſt Dealings by them, are brought low in the World, and they were eſteemed when in Proſperity. It would be very Un-

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christian and Sinful, to slight or dis-esteem them in their Adversity, which is their Tryal: The Poor of this World, who are rich in Faith, whom God hath chosen, are near unto him, their Faith is the more tryed by their Poverty and lowness; and how soon That may be the tryal of many that are Rich they know not; therefore 'tis very unsafe for any to trust in *uncertain Riches*, or to be exalted or lifted up because of them, but rather humbly to depend upon the living God, and trust in him, and love & esteem their Brethren in Truth, how mean and low soever in this World, knowing that with God there's no respect of Persons, nor with them who truly bear his Image.

And pray *Friends*, keep out all Disputes and Controversies which some busie Spirits in the World are incident unto, as about outward *Revolutions*, *Governments*, *State-Affairs*, and *Kingdoms* of this World: Let not their Divisions divide you, nor their Strife and Contentions about the outward Court and forms Religion, earthly Kingdoms and Crowns (that will fade) influence any among you, to contend, or become parties about them, but quietly serve and wait upon God in your Places and Stations, where he hath set you, and submissively leave all to his over-ruling Power, Wisdom and Providence, to do or suffer things to come to pass, as he pleaseth; for none may say to him, *What dost thou?* (Though *Men* men may be warned as God shall require) and he knows what's best for his People, and will cause all things to work together for good to them that love him; his Kingdom come more and more, his blessed Will be done in Heaven and Earth, who is Judge of all, and sees all Hearts, Intents and Designs of men throughout the whole World. And you know that as we cannot make Flesh our Arm, nor therewith fight for one, or another; Stillness and Quietness, Innocency and Good-will towards all men according to our *Christian* Principle, is therefore the best and safest state and condition, wherein we all may approve our selves as the Lord's *hidden Ones*, and of them that are *quiet in the Land*. Be still, and know that the Lord is God, and that he will be exalted in his everlasting Kingdom and Dominion over all the Kingdoms of men: Neither let the World's Confusions confound

confound you, nor the World's Diſtractions diſtract you, or any of you, nor the removing of Mountains in the Earth, remove you from the Lord's Mountain, nor the unſtable Waters or toſſing Waves toſs you, or influence any of you, to diſcompoſe or hurry you from your peaceable Habitations, but keep in your ſtrong-Hold, your Rock and Foundation, *Chriſt Jeſus*, nor let any thing divert you from minding his Kingdom of Peace above all, which is not of this World, out of which mens Luſts, and the ground and occaſion of Wars and Fighting are excluded: *For in* Salem *is his Tabernacle.*

Oh! let all quietly wait upon the All-ſeeing, Righteous Holy God, to ſee his good End through all, and his righteous Determination and Deciſion of the Controverſies amongſt men: And keep in Innocency and peaceable Converſation towards all, and Innoffenſively under, and towards the Civil Government, giving no real occaſion of Offence, but as becomes true *Chriſtians* walk in Love and Good-Will towards all, both high and low; for herein hath been, and will be our Safety and Confidence through all our Tryals, being preſerved by the Power and Goodneſs of the Lord our God, as his peculiar People, who is our Stay, our Rock and Refuge, bleſſed be his Name forever. O! forget not to praiſe the Lord for all his tender Mercies and peculiar Favours and Goodneſs in our preſervation until this day; knowing alſo, that they who ſincerely and ſtedfaſtly truſt in his Name and Power, ſhall be as Mount *Sion*, that ſhall never be removed, and that as his Servant *David* declared, *It is better to truſt in the Lord, then to put Confidence in man: It is better to truſt in the Lord than to put Confidence in Princes*, Pſal. 118. 8, 9. I pray God keep all his People in a ſteddy Dependance upon him, and Confidence in him to the end.

Finally, my tenderly beloved *Friends* and *Brethren*, having thus far cleared my Conſcience in the ſight of God, in the living ſence of his Preſence and Counſel in theſe matters, as relating to ſeveral States and Dangers, I recommend all to the Faithful and true Witneſs in themſelves, to make the particular and juſt Application, and to make every one ſenſible of the weight and

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lively Impreſſions of theſe and all other *Chriſtian* Cautions and Warnings, proceeding from thence through any of the Servants of Chriſt, for the Safety and Peace of all the Lord's people among us, even to the leaſt and loweſt of his Flock, and thoſe Convinced among us, who are called by his Grace to the Confeſſion of his holy Name and Truth.

The God of Peace be with you all, and bleſs you, and encreaſe Righteouſneſs, Peace, Love and Union among his People every where, that all may be ſtedfaſt in the Truth, true and faithful in their Day and Time, to the end of their Days; *Amen, Amen.*

Your faithful Friend and Brother in Chriſt,

London, the 28th of the 7th Month, 1689.

George Whitehead.

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